

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected most of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as omitting a critical feature of the invention. The independent claims in the application have been amended to recite that the body is a flexible body. Thus, it is believed that the amendments to the independent claims obviate these rejections.

The Examiner also rejected independent Claim 31 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the Brizzolesi reference. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Independent Claim 31 defines the invention as a coupling including a first yoke including a plurality of first yoke arms, a second yoke including a plurality of second yoke arms, and a body defining an axis. The body includes a first plurality of bushings connected to the plurality of first yoke arms, a second plurality of bushings connected to the plurality of second yoke arms, and a plurality of tensile members connecting the first plurality of bushings with the second plurality of bushings. Each of the first plurality of bushings has a groove formed in an outer surface thereof that receives one of the plurality of tensile members. The Brizzolesi reference does not show or suggest the grooves formed in the outer surfaces of the bushings, as specifically claimed. Thus, it is believed that independent Claim 31, and dependent Claims 32 through 38, are patentable over the art of record.

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